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WE CERTAINLY HOPE SO.
WE LIKE YOUR HOUSE.
DOES IT HAVE A BED?
A BIG BED?
WHAT?
WE WANT A HOUSE WITH A BIG BED.
I'M SORRY, IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY?
WELL, NOT TO YOU.

I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN UP TO THE HOUSE BEFORE.

YOU DIDN'T GO TO THAT THING? AFTER HE WON THAT AWARD?
I WAS SICK, REMEMBER?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SAID YOU HAD THE FLU.

I DID HAVE THE FLU.
YOU GET THE FLU A LOT; THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING...
...UH, JAY...

...IS THAT THE ROOF?

YOU KNOW WHOSE HOUSE IT IS?
THEY KNOW, JAY.
GOOD GOD... WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
MAYBE WEATHER?
WEATHER?
YEAH, LIKE A MICRO TORNADO OR...
...OR SOMETHING--
DAMN! YOU HEAR THAT?
ALL RIGHT--
--FREEZE--
Uhhh...

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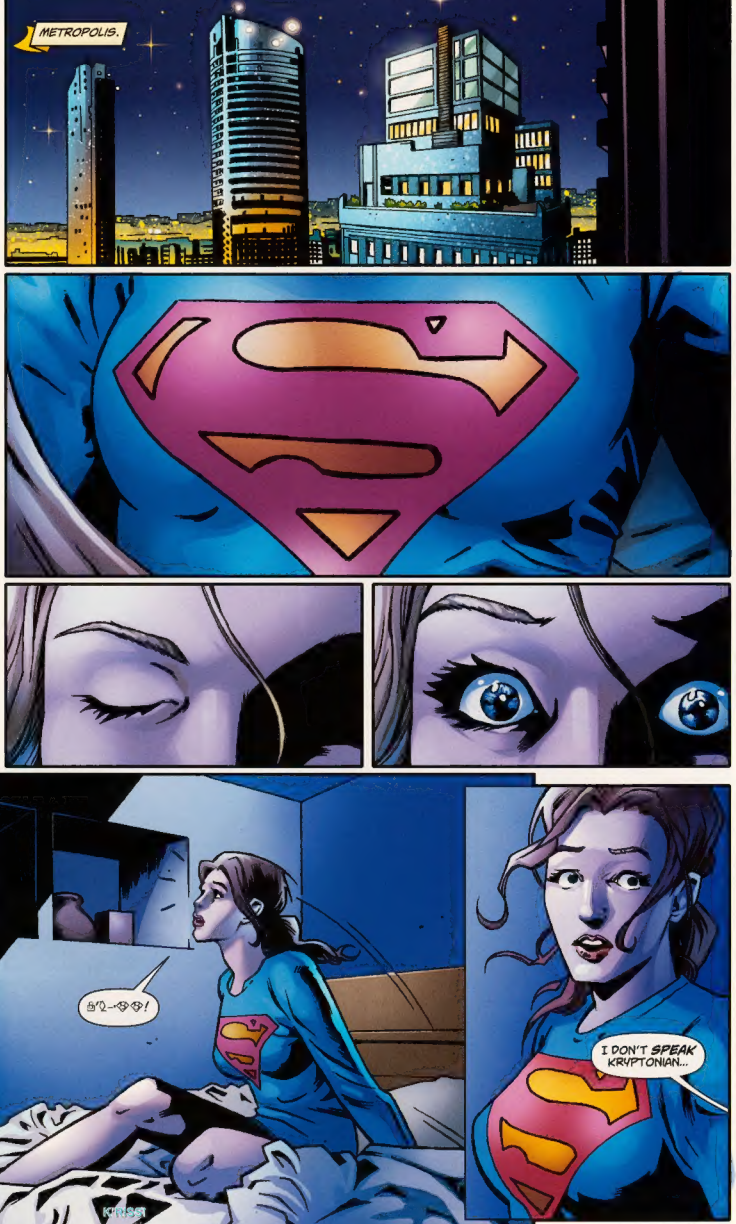
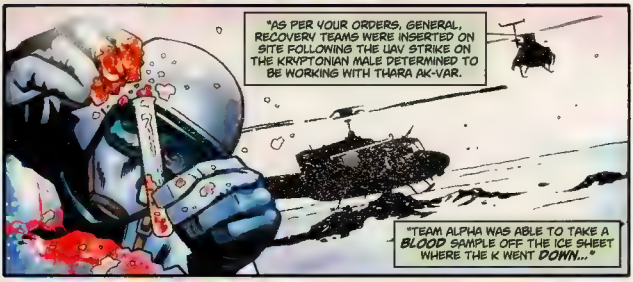

METROPOLIS.
I DON'T SPEAK KRYPTONIAN...
KISS

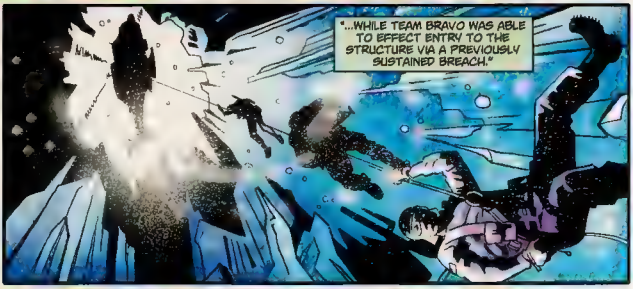
...BUT I'M PRETTY SURE I UNDERSTOOD THAT. NO PROBLEM.
CHRIS HAD TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING. HE'LL BE BACK SOON.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, THARA. YOU'RE SAFE HERE.
NO, NO, I HAVE TO FIND HIM--
WHOA, THERE--
--IT'S NOT SAFE IF WE--
--ARE AP-APART...
OKAY, LET'S GET YOU BACK IN THE BED, KIDDO...
...YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING, YOU NEED TO TAKE IT SLOW.
YOU NEARLY DIED, THARA.
I...SHE STABBED ME...
...WHO ARE YOU?
I'M LOIS.
I'M KIND OF CHRIS'S MOM.

YOU...THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
I HOPE THAT'S BECAUSE YOU THINK I LOOK TOO YOUNG.
YOU ARE HUMAN.
AND THERE'S THAT, YEAH.
I SAID "KIND OF," NOT THAT I WAS...
...AND IT ISN'T BIOLOGY ALONE THAT MAKES SOMEONE A PARENT.
BEING RAISED IN KANDOR, I'D THINK YOU'D HAVE LEARNED THAT.
HOW DO YOU KNOW I'M FROM KANDOR?
BASIC MATH, KIDDO.
YOU'RE KRYPTONIAN, YOU'RE FROM ONE OF TWO PLACES. AND I DON'T SEE A PRISON TATTOO ON YOUR NECK.
BESIDES, I WAS THERE WHEN THE KANDOR DELEGATION MET THE PRESIDENT.*
*SUPERMAN NEW KRYPTON VOL.1--Matt
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER.
YOU SHOULD GET CLEANED UP, PUT THESE ON...
...THEN YOU CAN TELL ME ALL ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN GETTING UP TO WITH MY SON.

"HOLLISTER. WHAT'VE YOU GOT FOR ME?"
I'D LIKE TO TRY ONE OF THOSE, PLEASE.
YOU WANT THE WORKS?
"YOUR, uh...FRIEND SHOULD BE IN METROPOLIS NOW, DOING WHATEVER IT IS SHE DOES."
"LET ME KNOW WHEN SHE'S BACK. WHAT'S THE RECON STATUS?"

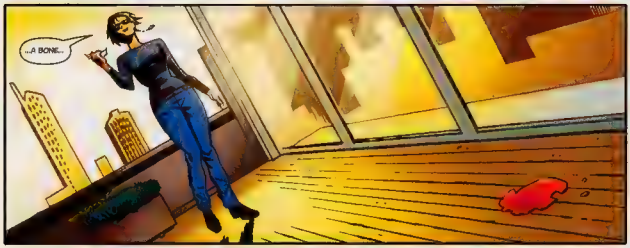

"AS PER YOUR ORDERS, GENERAL, RECOVERY TEAMS WERE INSERTED ON SITE FOLLOWING THE UAV STRIKE ON THE KRYPTONIAN MALE DETERMINED TO BE WORKING WITH THARA AK-VAR.
"TEAM ALPHA WAS ABLE TO TAKE A BLOOD SAMPLE OFF THE ICE SHEET WHERE THE K WENT DOWN..."

"THE WORKS."
WHAT A WONDERFUL TURN OF PHRASE.


"...WHILE TEAM BRAVO WAS ABLE TO EFFECT ENTRY TO THE STRUCTURE VIA A PREVIOUSLY SUSTAINED BREACH."

A RAG

"...AT WHICH TIME THEY DISCOVERED THE BODY OF THE MISSING EMPIRE COMMUNICATIONS CEO, DAVID CARTER."
WARNING.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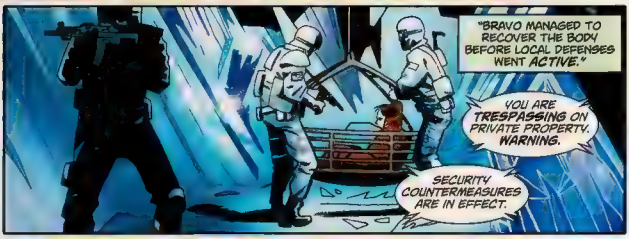
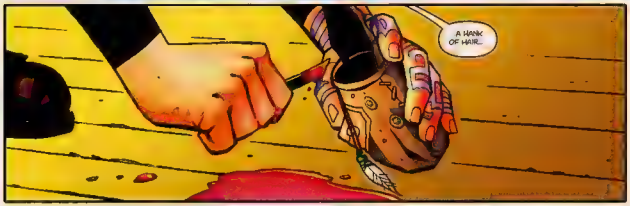

"BRAVO MANAGED TO RECOVER THE BODY BEFORE LOCAL DEFENSES WENT ACTIVE."
YOU ARE TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. WARNING.
SECURITY COUNTERMEASURES ARE IN EFFECT.


A HANK OF HAIR...

"THE TEAM MADE IMMEDIATE EXFIL, COMPLETE TO SAFE RECOVERY."
"YOU HAVE THE ANALYSIS?"

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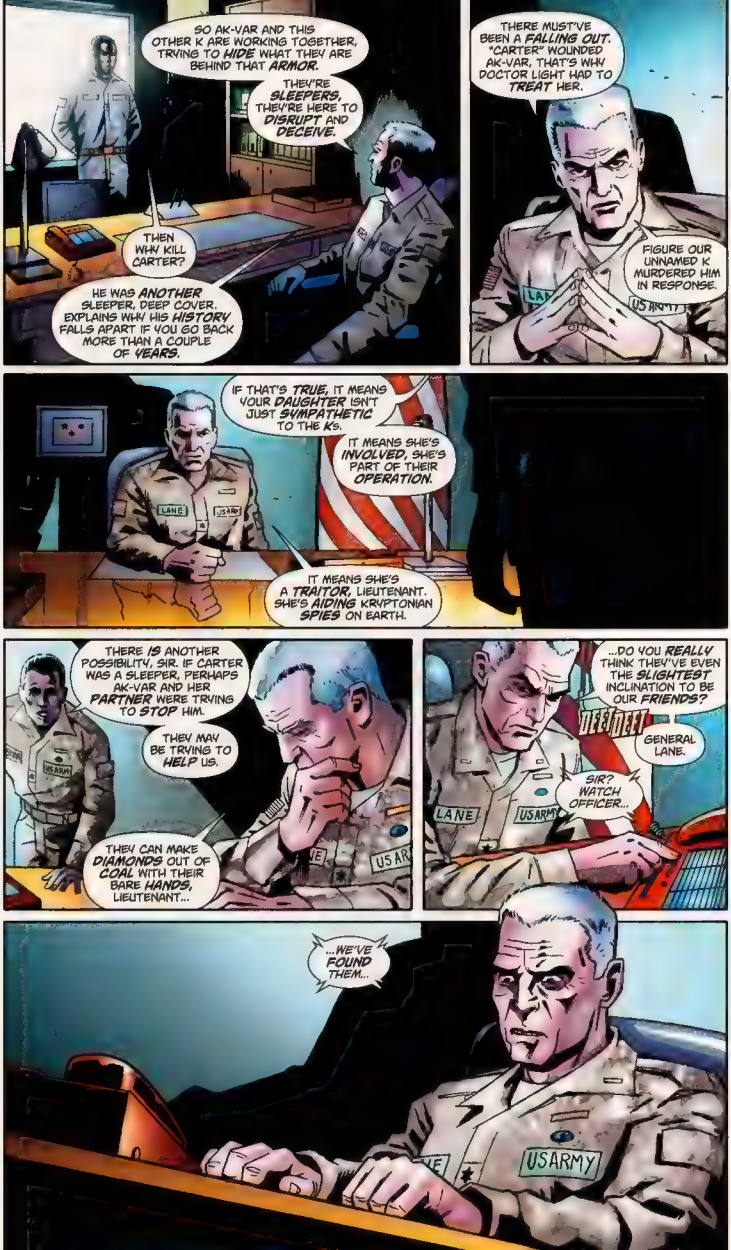
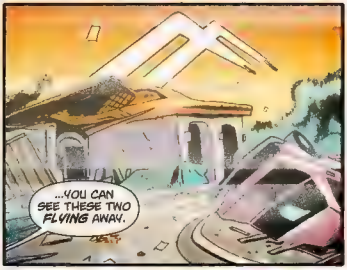
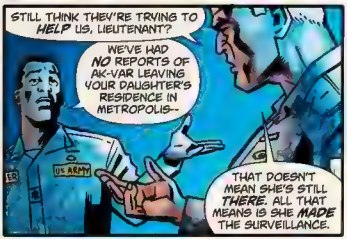
YES, SIR, RIGHT HERE.
I THINK THE RESULTS MAY SURPRISE YOU.
LANE
US ARMY
DAVID CARTER WAS KRYPTONIAN?
THAT'S THE PRELIMINARY ON THE AUTOPSY, YES, SIR.
THERE'S MORE.
DNA FROM THE BLOOD SAMPLE ALPHA TEAM TOOK OFF THE ICE--THE ONE LEFT BY AK-VAR'S PARTNER--MATCHED A SEQUENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF METAHUMAN AFFAIRS DATABASE.
THIS BOY. THE KRYPTONIAN KID THAT SUPERMAN KIDNAPPED FROM DMA CUSTODY A WHILE BACK.*
*LAST SON, FOR YOU STRAGGLERS--Lost Mo1
WE CAN'T EXPLAIN THE APPARENT DISCREPANCY IN AGE, BUT IT'S A 100% MATCH.
YOU HAVE CAUSE OF DEATH ON "DAVID CARTER"?
SOMEONE CUT HIS THROAT. NO OTHER SIGNS OF STRUGGLE.
KRYPTONIANS KILLING KRYPTONIANS. CERTAINLY MAKES OUR JOB EASIER, DOESN'T IT, HOLLISTER?
YOU HAVE A WATCH OUT FOR AK-VAR AND THE OTHER ONE?
ALL STATIONS ARE ON WATCH FOR TWO KRYPTONIANS, MALE AND FEMALE, TRAVELING TOGETHER.
HOLLISTER
USAF


SO AK-VAR AND THIS OTHER K ARE WORKING TOGETHER, TRYING TO HIDE WHAT THEY ARE BEHIND THAT ARMOR.
THEY'RE SLEEPERS, THEY'RE HERE TO DISRUPT AND DECEIVE.
THEN WHY KILL CARTER?
HE WAS ANOTHER SLEEPER, DEEP COVER. EXPLAINS WHY HIS HISTORY FALLS APART IF YOU GO BACK MORE THAN A COUPLE OF YEARS.
THERE MUST'VE BEEN A FALLING OUT. "CARTER" WOUNDED AK-VAR, THAT'S WHY DOCTOR LIGHT HAD TO TREAT HER.
FIGURE OUR UNNAMED K MURDERED HIM IN RESPONSE.
IF THAT'S TRUE, IT MEANS YOUR DAUGHTER ISN'T JUST SYMPATHETIC TO THE Ks.
IT MEANS SHE'S INVOLVED, SHE'S PART OF THEIR OPERATION.
IT MEANS SHE'S A TRAITOR, LIEUTENANT. SHE'S AIDING KRYPTONIAN SPIES ON EARTH.
THERE IS ANOTHER POSSIBILITY, SIR. IF CARTER WAS A SLEEPER, PERHAPS AK-VAR AND HER PARTNER WERE TRYING TO STOP HIM.
THEY MAY BE TRYING TO HELP US.
THEY CAN MAKE DIAMONDS OUT OF COAL WITH THEIR BARE HANDS, LIEUTENANT...
...DO YOU REALLY THINK THEY'VE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST INCLINATION TO BE OUR FRIENDS?
DEE! DEE!
GENERAL LANE.
SIR? WATCH OFFICER...
...WE'VE FOUND THEM...
LANE
USARMY

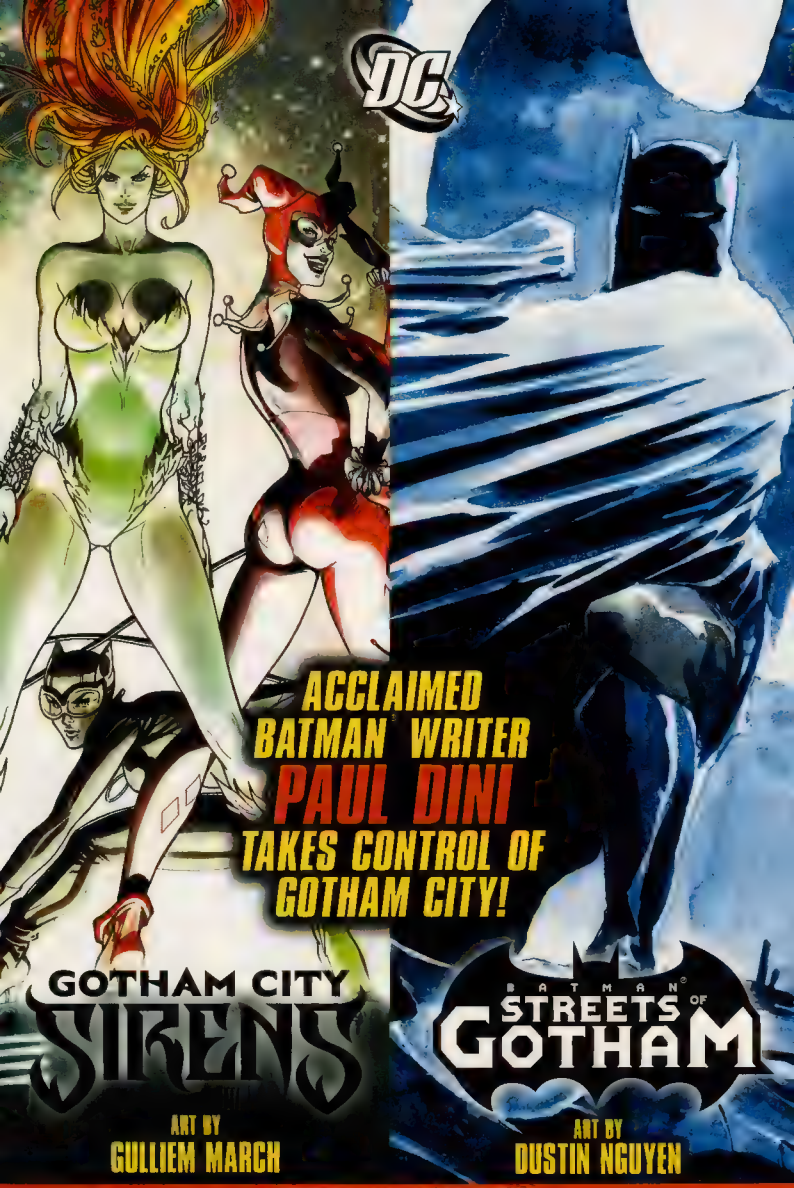
WHERE?
LANE
U.S.ARMY
NEW MEXICO, SIR. WE'RE STILL TRYING TO SORT IT OUT.
LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONDED TO SOMETHING OUT AT A LOCAL CONGRESSMAN'S PLACE, FOUND THE HOUSE TOTALED...

...BODY COUNT IS FOUR SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES DEAD PLUS THE CONGRESSMAN'S WIFE, ENCASED IN ICE.
WE HACKED THE VIDEO CAMERA ON ONE OF THE SHERIFF'S CARS, IF YOU'LL LOOK AT MONITOR SEVEN...


...YOU CAN SEE THESE TWO FLYING AWAY.


STILL THINK THEY'RE TRYING TO HELP US, LIEUTENANT?
WE'VE HAD NO REPORTS OF AK-VAR LEAVING YOUR DAUGHTER'S RESIDENCE IN METROPOLIS--
U.S. ARMY
THAT DOESN'T MEAN SHE'S STILL THERE. ALL THAT MEANS IS SHE MADE THE SURVEILLANCE.

GET A COPY OF THE FOOTAGE TO THE MOUTHPIECE FOR PROPAGANDA USE, AND PUT THE RECOVERY TEAM ON STANDBY.
SOON AS WE HAVE A PROJECTION ON THEIR HEADING, SEND THE TEAM OUT. THEY HAVE FULL FORCE AUTHORIZATION...
...I WANT THOSE SPIES CAUGHT, INTERROGATED, AND BROKEN...
USARMY



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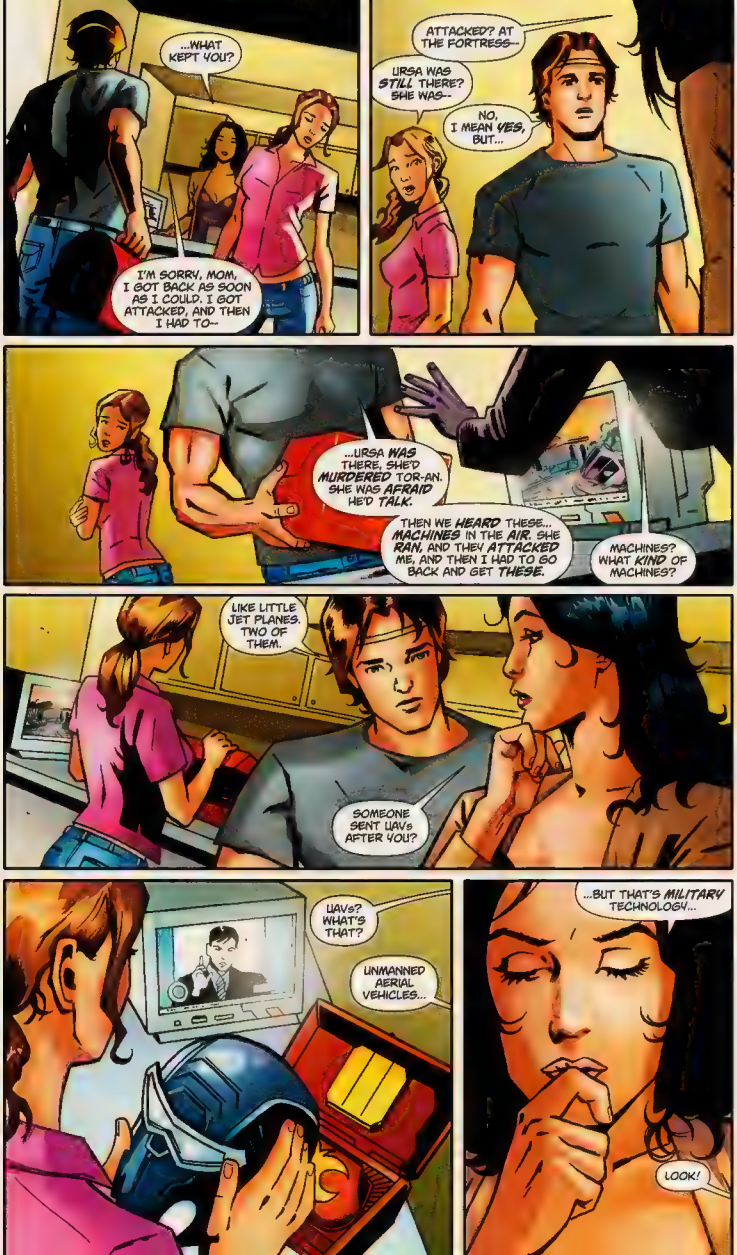
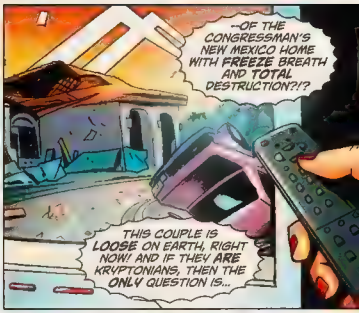
"...AND I DON'T CARE HOW."
RESCUED HIM FROM THE PHANTOM ZONE?
URSA AND ZOD HAD HIM PRISONER I...I FREED HIM.
IF YOU WERE IN KANDOR, HOW'D YOU KNOW HE WAS THERE?
HE TOLD ME. IN MY DREAMS.
YOUR DREAMS?
YES.
HE SPOKE TO YOU IN YOUR DREAMS?
I KNOW HOW IT SOUNDS.
IT'S THE TRUTH.
I DON'T DOUBT--
--IT--
K'RISS! I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
Ahem...


...WHAT KEPT YOU?
I'M SORRY, MOM, I GOT BACK AS SOON AS I COULD. I GOT ATTACKED, AND THEN I HAD TO--
ATTACKED? AT THE FORTRESS--
URSA WAS STILL THERE? SHE WAS--
NO, I MEAN YES, BUT...
...URSA WAS THERE, SHE'D MURDERED TOR-AN. SHE WAS AFRAID HE'D TALK.
THEN WE HEARD THESE... MACHINES IN THE AIR. SHE RAN, AND THEY ATTACKED ME, AND THEN I HAD TO GO BACK AND GET THESE.
MACHINES? WHAT KIND OF MACHINES?
LIKE LITTLE JET PLANES. TWO OF THEM.
SOMEONE SENT UAVs AFTER YOU?
UAVs? WHAT'S THAT?
UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES...
...BUT THAT'S MILITARY TECHNOLOGY...
LOOK!

--IT'S ZAREK AND NADIRA!
WHAT? WHERE?
HOLD ON--


--OF THE CONGRESSMAN'S NEW MEXICO HOME WITH FREEZE BREATH AND TOTAL DESTRUCTION?!?
THIS COUPLE IS LOOSE ON EARTH, RIGHT NOW! AND IF THEY ARE KRYPTONIANS, THEN THE ONLY QUESTION IS...

...WHERE WILL THEY STRIKE NEXT? THIS IS MORGAN EDGE...
WHO--
WE'LL BE BACK.

I'LL BE HERE.

...HELLO, COMMANDER HARPER? THIS IS LOIS LANE, FROM THE DAILY PLANET...
...OH, I HAVE EVERYONE'S NUMBER. LISTEN, I'M WONDERING IF YOU COULD HELP ME WITH A FAVOR...

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YOU WANT IT? HOLD ON...
THERE'S A SAVING ON THIS PLANET...

...GET A ROOM.

AND FLAMEBIRD. LOOK AT THAT.
SOMEBODY'S BEEN READING TOO MANY FAIRY TALES.
OH. LOOKS LIKE THERE'S ONE FOR EACH OF US--

I'LL BE BACK TO CRACK YOU LIKE A NUT!
WHAM
HRK

...I HOPE I BROUGHT ENOUGH GUYS...
TO BE CONTINUED...

Who said I wanted to kill Dick Grayson?

Oh yeah… that was me. But if you followed the Gotham-shattering events of BATTLE FOR THE COWL you'd know that actually it's quite the opposite. Dick Grayson is now the current and future Batman, having cast aside the masks of Nightwing and Robin so that he can wear the legendary cowl of the caped crusader. And I can't think of a more worthy successor.

When I first admitted that we had planned to kill Dick Grayson (back in the days of INFINITE CRISIS), the outcry of support from the fans for the character was loud and strong. In speaking with many of you over the years (including the airport baggage handler who held my luggage "hostage" in exchange for Dick's safety), it became clear that one of the things Nightwing was most loved for was his ability to grow and change with them. They watched the young boy grow to manhood, and go from being a sidekick to being a hero in his own right. So if you were happy when Dick Grayson went from Robin to Nightwing, we're hoping you stand up and cheer with his taking the mantle of Batman. It just seems to make sense.

But that's not the only change we have in store. Tim Drake has given up Robin and taken the name and demeanor of Red Robin, and the heroine under the Batgirl cowl is…well, let's leave that for another column. This is to celebrate the ultimate graduation to becoming the ultimate hero.

With Alfred by his side, a new Robin to train, new gadgets to learn and old and new villains to fight, this is the moment when the Bat Universe embraces everything that has made it great and takes it into exciting new directions.

Dick Grayson, Batman. Happy to have him around.

To be continued.

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I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.
I DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE THIS ANYMORE.

HOW MUCH MORE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TAKE?
AND HOW MANY MORE OF US WILL BE TAKEN?
...WITH EACH CRISIS MORE OF US FALL.
NOW BRUCE IS GONE. AND J'ONN.
YES, HAL.
I KNOW. WE ALL KNOW EXACTLY WHO AND WHAT WE'VE LOST.
THEN WHAT NOW, KAL? CAN YOU TELL ME THAT?
WE START AGAIN. WE BEGIN AGAIN AND WE DO THE RIGHT THING AND WE STAY UNITED FOR THE GOOD AND ALL WE HOLD TRUE.
I MEAN--
--ISN'T THAT WHAT WE DO?

NO.
OH BOY.

JUSTICE? THE JUSTICE LEAGUE? JUSTICE FOR-- OF--WHAT?
BUT THESE AREN'T THE VILLAINS OF YESTERDAY, AND OUR BEING "GOOD" AND "TRUE" ISN'T SCARING THEM BACK INTO THE SHADOWS. NOT ANYMORE.
HAL. THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.
BEGIN AGAIN? LIKE BEFORE? LIKE EVERY OTHER TIME.
DOESN'T ANSWER ONE THING. OUR NAME.
WE WAIT FOR VILLAINS TO DO WRONG AND THEN GO AFTER THEM OR WE WAIT FOR THEM TO ATTACK US. MIGHT HAVE WORKED THEN.
COOL, CAREFREE JORDAN? NOT TODAY, DIANA.
OH BOY.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'M SAYING THIS WILL NOT STAND. I'M SAYING THEY HURT US, WE HURT THEM BACK.
OH BOY.
CLEE, WILL YOU STOP SAYING THAT

"...THINGS CHANGE."
WE HAVE TO TRACK DOWN LIBRA AND EVERY MEMBER OF HIS "SECRET SOCIETY" OF SCUM. WE HAVE TO TRACK THEM ALL DOWN. ALL THE VILLAINS, ALL THE EVIL.

HAL, YOU'RE BEING--
--WHAT, KAL? WHAT AM I BEING? YOU KNOW, STANDING IN YOUR SHADOW AND DIANA AND BRUCE'S--AS ALL THE REST OF US DO--SOMETIMES I FORGET WHO I AM.

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NNHAAAAA!!!
NO--
--I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU!
WHEN I SAID "GET A ROOM"--
WHUMMMD
INTERESTING. THERE WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE TWO OF YOU...
--I MEANT WE HAD ONE WAITING FOR YOU.